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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

SAKAI ET AL.

Examiner

James Ng

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/07/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 April 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date December 16, 2005
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed on April 7, 2005 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.
2. The information disclosure statement filed on April 7, 2005 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Choi et al. (US 6231672 B1). Choi teaches:
 - i. An apparatus (all elements, Figure 1) characterized by comprising a reaction chamber (200, Figure 1) forming a space (inside 200, Figure 1) in which a substrate (not shown,

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column 1, lines 7-9) is to be processed, a gas supply pipe (11, 21, Figure 1) which is connected to said reaction chamber (200, Figure 1) and which supplies processing gas for said substrate (not shown, column 1, lines 7-9), and a gas exhaust pipe (element connected to reaction chamber 200 and exhaust pump 310, Figure 1) for exhausting an inside of said reaction chamber (200, Figure 1), wherein a gas reservoir (116, Figure 1) for storing gas to be supplied to said reaction chamber (200, Figure 1) and a bypass line (lines starts between MFC and valve 111 then through valve 114, Figure 1) which bypasses said gas reservoir (116, Figure 1) are juxtaposed to each other in a portion of said gas supply pipe (11, 21, Figure 1), and said substrate processing apparatus (all elements, Figure 1) further comprises a control unit (not shown, column 1, lines 24-28) which allows the processing gas to be supplied to said reaction chamber (200, Figure 1) using one of said gas reservoir (116, Figure 1) and said bypass line (lines starts between MFC and valve 111 then through valve 114, Figure 1) when said substrate is processed – as claimed in claim 1.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

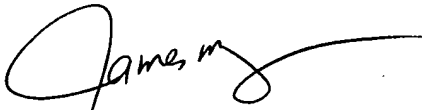
Ishihara et al. (US 6605134 B2) – Process Gas Reclamation and Reuse

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner James Ng whose telephone number is (571) 272-7088.

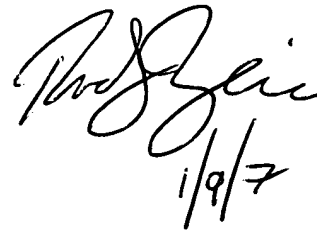
The examiner can normally be reached on a Monday through Thursday schedule from 9am

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through 4:30pm. The official fax phone number for the 1763 art unit is (571) 273-8300. Any Inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Chemical and Materials Engineering art unit receptionist at (571) 272-1700. If the examiner cannot be reached please contact the examiner's supervisor, Parviz Hassanzadeh, at (571) 272-1435.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ng", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Ng
Patent Examiner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rudy Zervigon", with the date "1/9/7" written below it.

Rudy Zervigon
Primary Patent Examiner
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